

WHAT'S HAPPENING WEDNESDAY

Kansas Immunization Program

October 3, 2018

VFC Consultant On-Call

The Consultant for October 1—5, will vary daily, but can always be reached by calling 785-296-5592. The Consultant for October 8—12, will be Lorraine Baughman (Lorraine.baughman@ks.gov or 785-296-5592).



CHIEF CHAT

We are notifying you that Brad Carpenter, Vaccine Coordinator will be out of the office likely through November. Jackie Strecker has assumed most of the vaccine related duties during this absence. Provider processes should not be changed or affected during this time. As always, please send any questions or assistance needed related to vaccine distribution or vaccine wastage to the vaccine email, kdhe.vaccine@ks.gov. Jackie will continue to be the primary contact for the Northeast Kansas region, but there may be other staff assisting her with site visits during this time.

The Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) added five new institutions to the [Hepatitis B Birth Dose Honor Roll](#). Three of those five are in Kansas! The birthing institutions are listed below with their reported hepatitis B birth dose coverage rates in parentheses.

- Geary Community Hospital, Junction City, KS (93%)
- Kearny County Hospital, Lakin, KS (96%)
- Newman Regional Health, Emporia, KS (96%)

IAC also recognized nine institutions for a second year on the honor roll with two of those being in Kansas.

- Pratt Regional Medical Center, Pratt, KS (94%)
- South Central Kansas Medical Center, Arkansas City, KS (96%)

We would like to congratulate these facilities for their achievement of a job well done! To learn more about this program and how your facility may become eligible, please visit the [honor roll page of IAC website](#).

Influenza vaccine continues to come into the warehouse and we are processing orders for distribution on a continuing basis. As has been described previously, vaccine is distributed proportionate to the amount available for distribution in accordance with the amount vaccine ordered by each provider during the influenza vaccine pre-book held earlier this year. We do expect to have some additional vaccine available once all the current orders have been filled, so please contact your consultant if you believe you may not have ordered enough originally.



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KS WebIZ

System Down Time October 12th

KSWebIZ will be *unavailable Monday, October 22, 2018 at 5:00pm through Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 8:00am.*

During this time the entire KSWebIZ system will be offline and unavailable. KDHE IT department will be performing a second phase of maintenance on KSWebIZ's database server storage drives. This maintenance will require that the database servers be taken offline. KDHE plans to begin maintenance promptly at 5:00 pm on Friday (October 22nd) and continue throughout the night to ensure the servers

can be restored by 8:00 am on Tuesday morning. KSWebIZ will not be able to receive HL7 messages or be accessed while the system is offline. All HL7 messages sent during this time will need to be resubmitted once the system is restored. We know you rely on the critical information and tools in KSWebIZ. We are committed to performing this system maintenance as quickly as possible with the least amount of impact to our users. We apologize for any inconvenience this system maintenance may cause. Thank you.

Vaccine Information Statement Current Publication Date

Anthrax	3/21/18	Tdap	2/24/15
Chickenpox	2/12/18	MMRV	2/12/18
DTaP/DT/DTP	8/24/18	Multi-vaccine	11/05/15
Hepatitis A	7/20/16	PCV 13	11/05/15
Hepatitis B	7/20/16	PPSV	4/24/15
Hib	4/2/15	Polio	7/20/16
HPV	12/2/16	Rabies	10/6/09
Influenza (LAIV4)	8/07/15	Rotavirus	2/23/18
Influenza (IIV3 or IIV4)	8/07/15	Shingles	2/12/18
Japan. enceph.	1/24/14	Smallpox	10/01/09
MenACWY	8/24/18	Td	4/11/17
MenB	8/09/16	Typhoid	5/29/12
MMR	2/12/18	Yellow fever	3/30/11



INJECTION OF EDUCATION

Immunization Action Plans (IAP)



All too often vaccinators feel pressured, especially during busy flu clinics, to quickly vaccinate their patient so they can move on to the next patient. This not only increases the risk of errors such as the wrong patient, wrong vaccine, wrong dose, given at the wrong time, but it can increase administration errors such as the wrong route or the wrong site. In last week's edition of *What's Happening Wednesday*, we discussed SIRVA or Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration. This week we would like to offer some resources and tips to prevent errors.

I recently received my flu shot. As I walked into the clinic, I realized due to the coolness of the morning, I had put on a long-sleeved shirt. Let's face it, clothing can make vaccine administration a bit more complicated. Have you ever had that patient that just stretches their collar downward, barely exposing the shoulder and deltoid area? Some theorize, this action may increase the risk of the vaccine being administered too high and increase the risk of SIRVA injuries.

Preparing and administering a vaccine may seem like a simple task, but there are many steps involved from screening for contraindications and precautions, to educating patients on the vaccine and possible site effects. Then there is the vaccine preparation (was the correct vaccine selected?), vaccine administration (was the vaccine administered correctly?), and finally the vaccine administration documentation.

I know you have heard us say this before but be sure to take that extra time to check, double check, and triple check the vaccine, and your administration technique. Don't be afraid to ask your patient to slip their arm out of their shirt or to readjust their clothing to improve access to the deltoid region. Just explain to your patients and explain that you need them to readjust their clothing or slip their arm out of a sleeve to allow you better access to give the vaccine.

Here are some vaccine administration resources to help with vaccine administration including choosing the correct vaccine, dose, site and route.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) *Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Disease* (A.K.A. The Pink Book) *Vaccine Administration*

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/vac-admin.html#before>

The Immunization Action Coalition's Clinic Resources and Handouts:

Administering Vaccines: Dose, Route, Site, and Needle Size <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3085.pdf>

Administering Vaccines to Adults: Dose, Route, Site, and Needle Size <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3084.pdf>

Don't Be Guilty of these Preventable Errors in Vaccine Administration! <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3033.pdf>

The fiscal year 2019 Immunization Action Plan awards, as part of the Aid to Local process have been now been uploaded into the Kansas Grant Management System (KGMS) and approved for all health departments who applied for these funds directly through the Kansas Immunization Program. You may now access and submit your first quarter Fiscal Status Report (FSR). Please note that a quarterly progress report is not required for these awards. You will only complete a mid-year report in January and a year-end report in July.

Please contact Phil Griffin (785-296-8893 or phil.griffin@ks.gov) if you have applied for IAP directly with KIP and have any questions.

For those who applied for the IAP funds through the Maternal Child Health (MCH) program, those are still in process but will be available in the coming days. If you have any questions related to IAP and you made your application as part of the MCH program, please contact MCH staff as directed by their program.



VAX FACTS

Healthcare Worker Influenza Vaccine Coverage

CDC published [Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Health Care Personnel—United States, 2017–18 Influenza Season](#) in the September 28 issue of *MMWR* (pages 1050–1054). The first paragraph is reprinted below.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that all health care personnel receive an annual influenza vaccination to reduce influenza-related morbidity and mortality among health care personnel and their patients and to reduce absenteeism among health care personnel. CDC conducted an opt-in Internet panel survey of 2,265 U.S. health care personnel to estimate influenza vaccination coverage among these persons during the 2017–18 influenza season. Overall, 78.4% of health care personnel reported receiving influenza vaccination during the 2017–18 season, similar to reported coverage in the previous four influenza seasons. As in previous seasons,

coverage was highest among personnel who were required by their employer to be vaccinated (94.8%) and lowest among those working in settings where vaccination was not required, promoted, or offered on-site (47.6%). Health care personnel working in long-term care settings, the majority of whom work as assistants or aides, have lower influenza vaccination coverage than do health care personnel working in all other health care settings, which puts the elderly in long-term settings at increased risk for severe complications for influenza. Implementing workplace strategies shown to improve vaccination coverage among health care personnel, including vaccination requirements and active promotion of on-site vaccinations at no cost, can help ensure health care personnel and patients are protected against influenza. CDC's [long-term care web-based toolkit](#) provides resources, strategies, and educational materials for increasing influenza vaccination among health care personnel in long-term care settings.

Vaccine Redistribution

Please email any additions or changes to be made on the Vaccine Redistribution lists with subject matter "Redistribution" to kdhe.vaccine@ks.gov or call toll free at 1-877-296-0464 [Vaccine Redistribution information and lists](#).

REMINDERS: Providers may place the excess doses on the KIP Redistribution list if:

1. The vaccine has a minimum of 90 days and a maximum of 365 days before the vaccine's expiration date.
 2. The ordering provider is responsible for any doses which expire on the redistribution list that have not been accepted for transfer to another VFC provider.
 3. Providers accepting vaccine from the redistribution list are responsible for using the doses once they are transferred. KIP encourages providers to accept only doses they can administer before the expiration date.
 4. The transferring and receiving provider will document these doses on their monthly reconciliation reports as transferred vaccines.
 5. Once vaccine is transferred please contact KIP to let us know so we can adjust the redistribution list by either deleting the line or by reducing the amount of doses.
 6. All vaccines must be in full boxes.
 7. The KIP Regional Immunization Consultant who is on call must be contacted prior to transferring vaccine.
 8. Providers are responsible for keeping KIP notified if there is a change in amount of doses available for redistribution.
 9. When placing an order, you may be contacted if the vaccine you are trying to order is on the redistribution list.
 10. Varicella and Proquad will not be posted on the VFC or Private Vaccine Redistribution List. Frozen Varivax vaccines are very intolerant to out of range temperatures. To prevent potential vaccine waste the KIP requests that Varivax containing vaccines not be transferred to other providers.
- For questions regarding transporting vaccine call 877-296-0464 to request assistance.